(a) Seventeenth Annual Report on the .Protection of Civil Bights Act. 1955, for the year 1996 and 1997, under subsection (4) of section 15A of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955.

(b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 2128/00)

Memorandum of Understanding (2000-2001) between Government of India and Bharat Yantra Nigam Limited

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): Sir, On behalf of Dr. Vallabh Bhai Kathiria, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises, Department of Heavy Industry) and the Bharat Yantra Nigam Limited for the year 2000-2001. (Placed in Library. *See* No. LT.2114/00)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a letter has been received from Shri K.G. Bhutia stating that he is in the intensive care unit of Gangaram Hospital, New Delhi due to illness and is unable to-attend the House during the current Session. He has, accordingly, requested for the leave of absence from all sittings of the House till the end of the current Session.

Does he have the permission of the House for remaining absent from all the sittings of the House during the current Session?

(No hon. Member dissented) MR.

CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

MATTER RAISED WITH PERMISSION

Kidnapping of Dr. Rajkumar, Kannada Film Star by Veerappan, a Sandalurod Smuggler

SHRI S.R. BOMMAI (Karnataka) :Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is shpcking to know that Dr. Rajkumar, the matinee idol of Karnataka and the most